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NEW YORK GIANTS, VICTORS IN STERN FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT



A SIDE from Babe Ruth and Rogers Hornsby, Manager John McGraw of the New York Giants is one of the most talked of men in baseball today. There is every reason he should be, for he has won his seventh pennant in the National League, an achievement no other manager has ever equaled. By beating out the Pittsburgh Pirates for the championship McGraw has broken a tie for winning pennants that existed between him and Connie Mack of the Athletics. Up to this season each had won six.

The Giants had a chance to take the pennant this season, the Pirates leading at that time by seven games. George Gibson and his crew were picked to win and the players were starting to figure what their end of the world's series would be. But it proves that it is wise never to count chickens before they are hatched. The Giants, although seven games behind at the time, did not quit. They fought furiously and beat the Corsairs five games in a row, which was the starting of the finish for Pittsburgh. They had cracked, continued to slide and on September 11

the Giants went into the lead to stay. Baseball, it is said by many, would never have been as popular as it is at present if it had not been for McGraw's winning teams in New York. While McGraw has had marvelous success in winning National League flags, he has not had the same luck in his battles for the world's series, having only won one. He has been in five. The first year he copped the flag in the National League, in 1904, no series was played. He won his only world's series title from the Athletics in 1905 and lost the other four.

NEVER LOSE BALL ON DOWNS IN MIDFIELD, SAYS W. ECKERSALL



Rutgers Squad Preparing for Gridiron Battles.

"Never surrender the ball on downs." This cardinal point of football generalship should always be borne in mind by the quarterbacks and captains of every gridiron eleven, writes Walter Eckersall in the Chicago Tribune. Although there are some exceptions to this rule, it should be followed closely.

If a team is well within an opponent's five-yard line and has only a short distance—less than a yard—to make on fourth down, it may be good football to try for a touchdown. Under the same conditions, if it is necessary to make two or more yards for a first down or touchdown, other scoring tactics should be resorted to.

Team Strong Near Goal.
An attacking team should always remember that the closer it approaches an opponent's goal the harder it is to make ground. This statement is true because the secondary defense is gradually pulled up to reinforce the forward line. The offensive team has practically two lines of defense to penetrate, and under these conditions it takes a mighty good offense with complicated plays to make the required distance of ten yards in four downs.

When a team has made a decided march towards the opponent's goal, members of that team will feel more satisfied if a scoring chance is taken. The field goal kicker should be brought into commission or a long chance taken of completing a forward pass back of

the goal line. If the ball is lost on downs, players on the offending team will seldom put forth the same effort when the oval is retrieved down the field.

Kick Out of Bounds.

One of the best plays in football which has been sadly overlooked in recent years is the kicking out of bounds when close to an opponent's goal, when the necessary distance cannot be gained on fourth down. There are times when an offending eleven will be cornered against the side line. The angle for the field goal kicker may be too sharp to insure an attempt with any degree of certainty, while the secondary defense will have all parts of the field covered for forward passes.

Under such conditions it would be advisable to surrender the oval by booting it out of bounds inside the opponent's five-yard line. This would make the other team kick from behind its goal line. It would pave the way for the expected "break" and most certainly put the pressed team in a bad position.

Games have been won and lost because field generals have not followed the rule of never giving up the ball on downs. Iowa might have been the victor over Chicago last year if Aubrey Devine had not erred, but it is a certainty this great player will not make the same error this year. It is a mighty good rule to follow.

Sporting Headquarters.

France has asked American A. A. U. officials to send over American coaches to train French athletes for the 1924 Olympic games and the request has been granted.

Mexico has contracted with the Dallas and San Antonio baseball teams to play a post-season series of six games at Mexico City, to give Mexicans an insight into American sport.

The prestige that America enjoys as international "sporting headquarters" influences more than is suspected America's international political position.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Maryland one-mile race tracks will be limited to a 10 per cent profit.

Mass of Gold won the world's championship as a saddle horse at Louisville, Ky.

Ablene, the 1920 pennant winner in the West Texas league, won the honors again this year.

Kenneth Hogan, Cleveland sand-lot outfielder, has been signed by the Cincinnati Nationals.

In checking up the 1921 crime wave, don't forget all the pitchers who were murdered because of the lively ball.

C. H. (Babe) Dye, Brantford outfielder, was sold at the eleventh hour to the Buffalo club of the International.

Jess Willard, who says he wants to get glory out of his fight with Jack Dempsey, will probably compromise by getting gory.

Many an unemployed man will give his support to Benny Kauff, ballplayer, who is suing the Giants for the privilege of working.

Harold McKelvey, University of Illinois, linesman, whom Coach Zuppke depended on for this year's team, has cast his lot with Centre college.

It is fortunate that Mr. Babe Ruth is not as young as his name would indicate. As a genuine juvenile he would be a terror with a snow ball.

Anyhow, Connie Mack will have another winter in which to rebuild the club that is going into the first division, just as in 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920.

Two southpaws lead the Coast League pitchers in per cent of games won. They are Lefty O'Doul of San Francisco and Lefty Krueger of Oakland, youngster and veteran.

As part payment for Luke Urban, young collegian bought by the New York Yankees from Charlotte of the South Atlantic league, the New York club transfers Outfielder Everett Bankston to Charlotte.

CAPTAIN OF OHIO TEAM



The photograph shows Meyers, end, and newly elected captain of the famous Ohio football team for the year 1921.

ELLIOT SHOULD MAKE GOOD

Pacific Coast Star Looked Like Million Dollars While Playing Last Winter.

Carter Elliott looked like a million dollars playing winter ball in California last winter and was recommended to major league scouts, but it was discovered he was tied up with Seattle. Then last spring the Seattle club sent him to Yakima and it was concluded he would not have been let out if he had been more than a flash. However, in the P. I. league this season he showed that Seattle had made a mistake, for he has hit around .300, is one of the league's best base runners, and has been something of a sensation as a fielder. He may not come through for the Chicago Cubs, but he will if there is anything in dope.

COACHES FROM TOWER.

A portable tower twenty feet high is being used by Foster Sanford in coaching the Rutgers football squad. It has four large iron wheels and a shaft enabling it to be pulled anywhere on the field. Sanford had it erected so that he could see the entire squad of fifty players at work and direct the assistant coaches in charge of various parts of the squad.